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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF MARINE ARTILLERY EXERCISE

REF: NAHA 443 (DTG 080800Z SEP 76)

1. SUMMARY: NOTWITHSTANDING FULL ASSURANCES OF GOJ SUPPORT  
AND MAXIMUM COMMITMENT OF POLICE RESOURCES TO PRECLUDE INTER-  
FERENCE, GENSUIKYO-SPONSORED INFILTRATION INTO IMPACT AREA

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RESULTED IN CANCELLATION OF MARINE LIVE-FIRING EXERCISE OVER

HIGHWAY 104. THIS IS REPORTLY FIFTH CANCELLATION OUT OF FOURTEEN TIMES HIGHWAY 104 EXERCISE HAS BEEN OFFICIALLLY SCHEDULED SINCE REVERSION IN 1972. AS IN PAST, REFORMIST PREFCTURAL GOVERNMENT AND REFORMIST POLITICAL PARTIES STRONGLY PROTESTED US AND GOJ ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT EXERCISE AND LOCAL PRESS GAVE EXERCISE VERY ONE-SIDED UNFAVORABLE COVERAGE. COALITION OF FORCES OPPOSED TO EXERCISE ARE NOW SEEKING BOTH TO PRECLUDE RE-SCHEDULING OF EXERCISE AND TO OBTAIN COURT TEST OF SPECIAL CRIMINAL LAW WHICH POLICE USED FOR FIRST TIME IN OKINAWA TO ARREST FOUR INFILTRATORS. END SUMMARY.

2. MARINE ARTILLERY EXERCISE OVER HIGHWAY 104 SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18 WAS CENCELLED EARLY

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SEPTEMBER 18 IN VIEW CONTINUING PRESENCE OF ILLEGAL ENTRANTS IN CAMP HANSEN IMPACT AREA AND INABILITY OF JAPANESE POLICE TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES THAT AREA COULD BE CLEARED TO PERMIT CARRYING OUT OF SCHEDULED EXERCISE WITHIN REMAINING TIME AVAILABLE. JSP-AFFILIATED GENSUIKYO (ANTI-E AND H BOMB COUNCIL), WHICH ORGANIZED PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS AND INFILTRATION OF "GUERRILLAS" INTO IMPACT AREA, IMMEDIATELY SHIFTED ATTENTION TO PROTESTING POLICE ARREST OF FOUR INFILTRATORS AND GOJ AUTHORITIES' PROCLAIMED INTENTION TO INVOKE, FOR FIRST TIME IN OKINAWA, "SPECIAL CRIMINAL LAW" APPLICABLE TO TRESPASSERS OF US FACILITIES AND AREAS IN JAPAN.

3. POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED FOUR INFILTRATORS AS FOLLOWS: TAKASHI ITOKAZU, 28 (CHIEF OF YOUTH SECTION, OKINAWA TIMES); TOSHIO MIYAZATO, 40 (CHAIRMAN OF US ARMY CHAPTER, ZENGUNRO); SADA O ARARIE, 39 (CHAIRMAN OF PX CHAPTER, ZENGUNRO); AND ZENKO NAKAMURA, 28 (EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF LABOR UNION FEDERATION OF NORTHERN OKINAWA). POLICE ARE NOW INTERROGATING FOUR DETAINEES WITH VIEW TO IDENTIFYING AND ARRESTING REMAINDER OF INFILTRATORS AND THOSE WHO ORDERED THEM INTO THE IMPACT ZONE.

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4. ACCORDING TO POLICE, ESTIMATED TOTAL OF 15 OR 16 PERSONS (NOT 57 AS CLAIMED BY GENSUIKYO) PROBABLY ENTERED THE IMPACT ZONE ON SEPTEMBER 15. JUST PRIOR TO LIVE FIRING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 7:00 AM, SEPTEMBER 17, A SMALL GROUP OF INFILTRATORS ON BUTO HILL MADE ITS PRESENCE KNOWN THROUGH SMOKE FLARES AND FLAGS, MUCH TO "SHOCK" OF POLICE. POLICE IMMEDIATELY SENT ABOUT 80 MEN IN PURSUIT, BUT INFILTRATORS ELUDED THEM THROUGHOUT THAT DAY. POLICE THEN POSITIONED 35

FOUR-MAN TEAMS IN PMPACT ZONE THROUGHOUT THAT NIGHT. ITOKAZU WAS CAPTURED AT ABOUT 11:20 PM ON BUTO HILL, AND THE REMAINING THREE THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 8:30 AM ON ONNA HILL. POLICE AND DFAB WERE INFORMED PREVIOUS EVENING THAT LIVE FIRING WOULD COMMENCE AT 8:30 AM SEPTEMBER 18 UPON CLEARANCE OF IMPACT ZONE BY POLICE. HOWEVER, OWING TO POLICE INABILITY TO ESTIMATE TIME REQUIRED TO CLEAR THE ZONE OF POLICE AND INFILTRATORS, AND ON POLICE/DFAB RECOMMENDATION THAT LIVE FIRING NOT COMMENCE UNTIL THIS WAS DONE, MARINES DECIDED AT 9:30 AM, SEPTEMBER 18, TO CALL OFF THE EXERCISE. POLICE CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE UNTIL 4:30 PM.

5. IN ADDITION TO INFILTRATORS, POLICE ESTIMATE 700 TO 800

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PARTICIPATED IN PROTEST ACTIVITIES IN VICINITY OF EXERCISE AREA. THEY CONSISTED OF 350 TO 400 FROM JSP-AFFILIATED GENSUIKYO, 150 TO 200 FROM JCP-AFFILIATED GENSUIKYO AND 80 TO 90 "KAKUMURU" STUDENTS. PARTICIPANTS FROM COMMUNITIES IN VICINITY, POLICE BELIEVE, CONSISTED OF ONLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT LABOR UNION MEMBERS ( 30 FROM ONNA SON AND 10 FROM KIM SON). SIGNIFICANTLY, NO ONE FROM KISECBARU (HAMLET CLOSEST TO THE SCENE) PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATION, UNLIKE SITUATION DURING LAST LIVE-FIRING OQN JULY 1. DFAB ASCRIBED KISENBARU'S NON-PARTICIPATION TO INTENSE DFAB CAMPAIGN IN THE HAMLET DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, INCLUDING INDUCEMENTS OF PORK-BARREL PROJECTS.

6. POLICE MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO THWART GENSUIKYO'S INFILTRATION CAMPAIGN. POLICE MOBILIZED ONE-HALF OF ITS TOTAL PREFECTURAL STRENGTH OF 2,00 IN THE FIELD.

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FROM TWO DAYS BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF EXERCISE, POLICE

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POSITIONED 6-11 MAN TEAMS IN 36 SURVEILLANCE POINTS IN THE  
EXERCISE AREAS. POLICE FOR FIRST TIME USED  
HELICOPTER BROUGHT IN FROM TOKYO. VIRTUALLY ENTIRE TOP  
POLICE LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING CHIEF KATO, WAS ENGAGED IN  
THE FIELD SEPTEMBER 16 TO 18.  
7. AS IN THE PAST, REFORMIST PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT AND  
POLITICAL PARTIES STRONGLY PROTESTED US AND GOJ ATTEMPTS  
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TO CARRY OUT THE EXERCISE. GOVERNOR TAIRA MADE SPECIAL TRIP  
TO TOKYO TO MAKE HIS VIEWS KNOWN TO GOJ, EMBASSY AND USFJ.  
FOLLOWING HALT OF THE EXERCISE, THE GOVERNOR DECLARED  
HIS DETERMINATION THAT "WE WILL NEVER ALLOW (IT) IN THE  
FUTURE." GENSUIKYO'S INITIAL REACTION TO THE EXERCISE HALT  
WAS RESENTMENT OVER CONTINUING POLICE OPERATIONS AGAINST  
THE INFILTRATORS DURING THE DAY, CONSTERNATION OVER  
DETENTION OF THE FOUR INFILTRATORS, AND STATED INTENTION  
TO CHALLENGE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE "SPECIAL  
CRIMINAL LAW" IN THE COMING TRIALS.  
7. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT ARTILLERY FIRING  
OVER HIGHWAY 104 IS THE MOST SERIOUS BASE-RELATED  
ISSUE CONFRONTING THE US AND GOJ ON OKINAWA, GIVEN THE

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"GUERRILLA" TACTICS USED BY THE OPPOSITION TO MAKE THE

EXERCISE THE RALLYING POINT FOR ITS ANTI-BASE/SECURITY  
TREATY MOVEMENT ON OKINAWA. GOJ AUTHORITIES HERE APPEAR  
DETERMINED, AS THEY HAVE SAID PUBLICLY, TO CARRY OUT THE GOJ  
OBLIGATION TO PERMIT US USE OF ITS FACILITIES UNDER TERMS OF  
THE SECURITY TREATY. POLICE ARE PURSUING THEIR INVESTIGATION  
OF THE INFILTRATORS TO ROOT OUT THEIR INSTIGATORS WITH VIEW  
TO REDUCING OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE EXERCISE TO  
MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS. ON SEPTEMBER 17-18, HOWEVER,  
GOJ POLICE MAY WELL HAVE MADE MAXIMUM EFFORT OF WHICH  
THEY ARE CAPABLE TO PREVENT PHYSICAL INTERFERENCE WITH  
EXERCISE. WE MUST ASSUME THAT THERE MAY BE SIMILAR  
SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS AT INFILTRATION IN THE FUTURE.

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